

REMARKS

Please reconsider the claims in the application in view of the remarks below. In the present application, claims 1-10 and 12-15 remain pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-6 and 15 stand rejected as allegedly being directed non-statutory subject matter.

Without conceding to the propriety of the rejections, the claims are being amended as suggested on page 4 of the Office Action. The rejection is now believed to be overcome.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-10 and 12-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the background section of the specification in the present application, referred to by the Examiner as APA, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,002,867 to Jazdzewski (hereinafter, “Jazdzewski”). With respect to claim 1, the the Examiner alleges that APA discloses all elements claimed in independent claims except for “receiving automatically a report of an update ...” and “the first model associated with an application ... said second model associated with a different application from said application.” According to the Office Action’s allegation, Jazdzewski fills that gap.

Applicants respectfully disagree. For example, Jazdzewski does not disclose or suggest, at least “receiving automatically a report of an update to the first model and converting the first model edited by said editing module into a second model” where “the first model” and “the second model” are “different” applications. That is, the cited passages of Jazdzewski (col. 3 and col. 9) describe a system for deriving forms from other ancestor forms. Jazdzewski, however,

does not disclose or suggest views of models of different application. Independent claims 6, 7, 12 and 15 also recite the similar element. Therefore, the same reasons apply to those claims and all dependent claims.

While applicants do not agree with the rejections, for example, as discussed above, applicants in this reply are amending independent claims 1, 6, 7, 12 and 15 to further clarify that the first model does not support the view of the second model. Thus, the first model uses a view of the second model different from a view of the first model, in which the first model and the second model are of different applications and the application of the first model does not support the view of the second model. Support for the amendment can be found at least in paragraph [0015] that refers to “if one wants add a view to a model but there is no view having an interface supporting the model.” Additional support can be found in paragraph [0027] discussing that existing method are costly where models do not support the desired view, in conjunction with paragraph [0035] that discusses that the method of the present application addresses these problems. Further support can be found throughout the specification at least implicitly.

The cited passages from the background section of the originally submitted specification describe some the known methods for providing a view to an application model. Specifically, paragraph 0026, which the Examiner cites, characterizes known editors that display a source model in a source code view. That paragraph recounts that a user must manually perform an explicit operation in order to see a preview display updated based on an edit. Paragraphs 0005-0008 on page 2 describe an application having interfaces to different views for a model. The background section shows Figure 39 to explain that a full static model conversion would be required to be able to generate a view of a second model even when there is a change in the first model if that view is not supported in the first model.

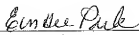
Jazdzewski as understood by applicants describes deriving forms from ancestor forms, within the same window or application.

APA and Jazdzewski, however, do not disclose or suggest, "receiving automatically a report of an update to the first model and converting the first model edited by said editing module into a second model, said first model using a view of said second model different from a view of said first model, and said first model not supporting the view of said second model, said second model associated with a different application from said application" as recited in independent claims 1, 6, 12 and 15 and similarly claimed in independent claim 7.

For at least the above-reasons, applicants believe that APA and Jazdzewski do not disclose or suggest the elements of the independent claims as alleged in the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite prosecution of this case, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call applicant's attorney at (516) 742-4343.

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